317-Funded Adult Program
FAQ for 2020-2021 Flu Season

Due to the concerns around co-circulating flu and COVID-19, CDC has received pandemic response funding to enhance flu vaccination for the 2020-21 flu season. There will be no eligibility criteria based on insurance for 317-Funded Adult (317) Program flu vaccine. All adults 19 years of age and older may receive a vaccination, even if they are privately insured. This expanded use does not carry over to the VFC program; provider clinics will need to continue to screen pediatric patients for eligibility. This document contains several frequently asked questions related to this initiative.

Q: How do we know if we are a 317-participating provider?

> **A:** In the state of New Jersey only Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), local health departments, and not for profit organizations are eligible to participate in the 317 Program. Private practice offices are not eligible to become a 317 provider.

Q: How often can flu vaccine be ordered?

> **A:** Flu vaccine can be ordered at any time that it is needed. We ask that you utilize and account for 80% of your previous flu order prior to placing a subsequent flu order.

Q: When will flu vaccine shipments arrive?

> **A**: Generally, within one (1) week of your approved order.

Q: Is the temporary order limit of 100 flu doses per site or per organization?

> **A:** The order limit was initially 100 doses per 317 PIN/site. This was a temporary limit. As of September 1, 2020, 317 providers are free to order the number of doses needed to conduct flu vaccination activities.

Q: Will high dose flu be available this year?

> **A:** High dose flu vaccine is not available through the 317 Program.

Q: Can private insurance be billed for administration of 317 flu vaccine?

> **A:** Yes, you are able to bill private insurance for the administration fee. This fee must not exceed $24.23.

Q: Do adults receiving the flu vaccine have to sign a form for us to enter the vaccine into NJIIS?

> **A:** All patients born before January 1, 1998 must sign a consent form (IMM-32) to be entered into NJIIS.
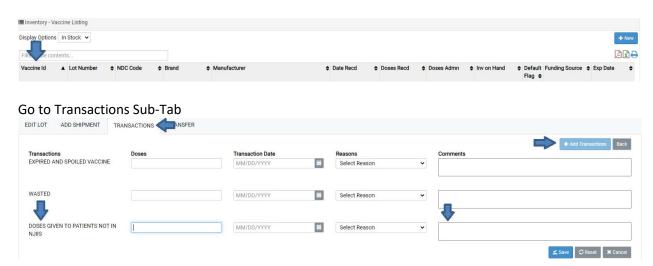
Q: Can the IMM-32 consent to participate be incorporated to our vaccine consent form for each patient?

> **A:** An electronic version of the IMM-32 Consent to Participate Form is available for providers. To obtain the electronic version of the Consent to Participate Form please submit a request. To submit an NJIIS request online for more information click here.

Q: Can a patient receive the 317 flu if they do not consent to participate with NJIIS?

> **A:** Yes. The patient may receive a 317-flu dose even if they do not consent to be part of NJIIS. To account for the doses, the process is as follows:

1. Once you have logged into NJIIS go to the Inventory Management section, this is located under Inventory.
2. Select the Vaccine ID with the lot number you administered to the patient.
3. Under the transaction section selecte Add Transaction.
4. Under the Not in NJIIS, all fields will need to be completed. In the comment section please list the patient medical record number.
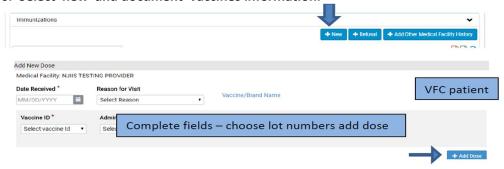

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Q: When entering 317 flu into NJIIS for patients with insurance, how are they entered?
   1. Search for the patient.
   2. Open the patients record.
   3. From the VFC eligibility drop down selected 317 funds
   4. Click Save
   5. Under the immunization tab select immunization

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6. Select new and document vaccines information.

7. Select add dose.

Q: If our EMR interfaces with NJIIS and we are putting in other vaccines along with the 317 flu dose, do we have to go into NJIIS and manually change to the 317 option if that eligibility status is not available in our EMR?

> **A:** No, if you are interfacing with NJIIS you do not need to login into NJIIS and manually change the funding source to 317. When entering the data into your Electronic Medical Record (EMR), please make sure you are documenting the patient funding source correctly. For 317 Flu **ONLY**, your inventory will deduct from the 317 inventory no matter what funding source was sent over in the interface message.